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For: HIGH-PERFORMANCE TYRE FOR)
A MOTOR VEHICLE)

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Add two section headings, a section subheading, and a paragraph immediately after the
title HIGH-PERFORMANCE TYRE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, as follows:

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--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent
application No. MI99A 001447, filed June 30, 1999, in the Italian Patent Office; additionally,